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## RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated July 14, 2005 having a shortened statutory period expiring on October 14, 2005. Accompanying this response is a two month Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time setting a new time for response of December 14, 2005. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

No Amendments have been made to the Specification in this paper.

No Amendments have been made to the Drawings in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 31 of this paper.

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